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HOME GROUNDS

Ponce de Leon Park
Atlanta, Ga.

Mrs. Effa Manley
71 Crawford Street
Newark, N.J.

Dear Mrs. Manley:

After talking to you concerning the 22nd, I find it would be a disadvantage to me to be responsible for your booking up to the 29th. I was talking to Henry Lewis, owner of the Knoxville Grays and he authorized me to say he was expecting you on the 22nd in Knoxville. To be fair with you, I believe that would be the most profitable thing for you to do. In the first place, he should play you three days there and the other two days around Knoxville. In that way you should make as much money in Knoxville and Atlanta the next week-end as you would make in mid-season in your own hometown.

Of course, if this does not meet your approval and you want me to help you, I can book you in Greensboro with the local team there for the 22nd, and other town around there turn out about as profitable as you expect.

Please let me hear from you right away on this date. I feel that we are doing everything possible here to make your game on the 29th a huge success. If nothing happen, I know we will make good.

We accept your date here of the 29th in Atlanta as final. After the 29th, we can play you in Greenville, S.C. and also Charlotte and other points east which will throw you back east in order to open on the 6th. Give me final information about these questions so that I may be able to work out the perfection of my plans.

With highest regards, I am

JHH/jcc

Sincerely

John H. Harden

PS--My reason for declining to book you with me in N.C. is this. The parks I prefer playing you in are tied up by local clubs and they absolutely refuse to let two outside teams play in the park.